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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman

The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner

The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Federal Communications Commission

455 12th Street, Southwest

Washington, DC, 20544

RE: MB Docket No 05-311 In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992

We are writing in support of the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. We oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reaches in the proceeding because of their impacts on our community.

We have had a long time relationship with our local Cable Television Public Access Station, *Wisconsin Community Station*. It is through this public service that we are able to reach out, not only to our church community, but also to the Sheboygan County at large. By being able to air our church services on a free public site community members who cannot attend services can still benefit from watching our services through hospital rooms, nursing home rooms, senior apartments where they can no longer get out on their own (transport busing is not available on weekends), parents of young children, or new residents searching for a place to belong. Cable Television Public Access is more readily available to our elderly members of the community; those who don't have "live streaming" ability or understanding.

This local presence encourages viewers in our Sheboygan County area to watch cable television as was intended by the 1984 Cable Act – by enhancing local voices, serving local viewers and strengthening our local democracy. By defining "in-kind" support in an overly broad fashion, the rule making will shift the fair balance between local and state authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels which was never the intent of the Act.

By allowing cable operators to reduce franchise fee support for local communities if they opt for local channels, the FNPRM diminishes the ability of PEG channels to serve communities such as ours. We ask that it not be adopted.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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